**Series: 1 John**
**Sermon: Relying on God, and Why it's Difficult**
**Bible Verses: 1 John 4:16**
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In many ways I've learned to _____ on people or things that are _____.

1 John 4:16: "We know and rely on the love God has for us."

**I'm supposed to know and _____ God has for me.**

To "**rely**" on God's love means to have faith, trust, and to _____ in his love.

*What we learned last week about God's love:*
"_____God does is loving. God has a positive _____ fixation upon his children. God sings over us and delights in us. God has loving thoughts about me, even when he _____. God's love does not mean he allows us to _____.

I know God's love is reliable because: (1) his _____ tells me so and (2) _____ sacrifice proves it is true.

## We rely on God's love for us:

- For salvation, instead of relying _____.

- for _____, instead of creating our own self-worth.

- instead of relying on my own ability to _____ what I need. God loves me and _____ as I seek his Kingdom.

- instead of our own "_____" on how to handle things. God's commands are the best.

- Instead of running away from problems or _____ up with worldly pain killers. God is with us and comforts and heals our pain.